

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

August 29, 2019

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Pledge of Allegiance

(RC)

Present: Mayor Colin Read, Councilors Rachele Armstrong (W1) [*participated via Skype*], Mike Kelly (W2) [*participated via Skype*], Peter Ensel (W4), Patrick McFarlin (W5), Jeff Moore (W6)

Absent: Councilor Elizabeth Gibbs (W3)

MAYOR'S COMMENTS: None

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Common Council held on August 15, 2019 and August 22, 2019 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office

By Councilor Ensel; Seconded by Councilor Moore
(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore
(All voted in the affirmative)

2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:

RESOLVED: That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending August 28, 2019 in the amount of \$ 503,508.77 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Moore; Seconded by Councilor Ensel
(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore
(All voted in the affirmative)

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of August 13 - 26, 2019
- Report from the Police Department from January 1 – August 25, 2019
- Minutes from the Finance and Budget Committee held on August 15, 2019
- Minutes from the Public Safety Committee held on August 22, 2019

• **COUNCILOR/DEPARTMENT CHAIR COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

[meeting reports provided during work session]

Governance, Strategy, and City Operations- Chair Councilor Armstrong spoke about Sustainability Task Force.

City Infrastructure – Chair Councilor Moore mentioned Department of Public Works has been very busy on paving thanked them for doing such a great job.

Finance and Budget – Chair Councilor Kelly indicated no updates.

Public Safety – Chair Councilor Gibbs absent. Councilor Ensel mentioned he and Councilor Gibbs met earlier with Mayor and Dean regarding enforcement issues that came up from Livable Committee reports.

Plattsburgh Public Library – Chair Councilor Ensel indicated Board met Tuesday.

MLD - MLD Board President Councilor McFarlin indicated no new updates. MLD Board met earlier before the Public Hearing.

Mayor Read clarified that the Public Hearing was held on Proposed Local Law P-5 of 2019 the actual presentation of the local law, further discussion and vote will be at a future Council meeting.

Councilor McFarlin mentioned an article in the paper today about the Library and the good things happening down at the children’s station.

RESOLVED: That the reports as listed are hereby ordered received and any written reports are placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk’s Office.

By Councilor Ensel; Seconded by Councilor Moore

(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore

(All voted in the affirmative)

4. CORRESPONDENCE OR RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None

5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLVED: That the bills Audited by the Common Council for the week ending August 30, 2019 in the amount of \$ 1,670,838.60 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Moore; Seconded by Councilor Ensel

(All in Favor/opposed)

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore
(All voted in the affirmative)

6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None

7. OTHER ITEMS:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves MLD to write-off:

- 1. Unpaid final bills from May 2018 in the total amount of \$16,820.62. The percentage of write-offs for this period is 1.12%.
- 2. Unpaid final bills from June 2018 in the total amount of \$2,956.45. The percentage of write-offs for this period is .25%.
- 3. Unpaid final bills from July 2018 in the total amount of \$4,005.76. The percentage of write-offs for this period is .35%.

Motion to waive reading and move Resolution

By Councilor Ensel; Seconded by Councilor Moore
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore
(All voted in the affirmative to waive reading and move Resolution)

Discussion: Yes
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

Item 7B: received only a First not a second, therefore, it was not moved forward or voted on.

B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves request from the Alliance for Positive Health to waive \$200 stage trailer use fee (adopted August 8, 2019) for the SPARCC (Substance Abuse Prevention and Recovery of Clinton County) “Live Well Be Well” event on Saturday, September 21, 2019 held at Macomb Park, Schuyler Falls, New York because they are a not-for-profit.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor _____

Discussion:

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____ Tabled _____

Follow up Action:

C. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves closing the following streets for the 2019 Battle of Plattsburgh Commemoration:

September 13th: City Hall Place from Cornelia to Bridge, Court and Trinity Square from Margaret to City Hall Place 5-11pm. 2 pm to 11 pm.

September 14th: for Parade: Cumberland Ave. from Margaret to Saily close at 10 am to through traffic but allow local residents and business related vehicles permission to enter. Close to all traffic except emergency cases from 12:45 until parade clears the area. Also eastern end of Durand and Lorraine from Ianelli. Bridge street from Durkee to Macdonough during the parade.

September 14th: for Battle Reenactment: from 9:00am-11:30 am. Bridge Street City parking Lot, down to Charter Communications (Veterans lane).

September 15th: for Kid’s Parade, Muster & Games: from 10am-3pm, Court, Trinity and City Hall Place between the lower Court Street Parking Lot and the Intersection of Cornelia and the bridge to Cumberland Avenue. End of Cumberland Ave, (Margaret Street end) to Kellogg CT for Battle Reenactment at field across from Wilcox Dock.

Motion to waive reading and move Resolution

By Councilor McFarlin; Seconded by Councilor Ensel

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore
(All voted in the affirmative to waive reading and move Resolution)

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

D. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to adjust the 2019 General Fund budget by an increase of \$162,255.00 for professional planning DRI GEIS preparation to be completed by Chazen Engineering for the environmental analysis of all the DRI downtown project locations. A purchase order is being presented for approval for the services which requires this budget increase to be established for processing.

By Councilor McFarlin; Seconded by Councilor Moore

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

E. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to adjust the 2019 General Fund budget to include the additional cost requested by Public Works to provide for materials to install the City’s flooring from the Crete Center before completion of the Monument Stage trailers being constructed under capital project H5110.68.

By Councilor Ensel; Seconded by Councilor Moore

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore

(Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Ensel and Moore voted in the affirmative. Councilor McFarlin abstained)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

F. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to adjust the 2019 General Fund budget for the City Court facility renovation and upgrade costs with corresponding reimbursements to be budgeted as appropriation and estimated revenue increases of \$50,000.00 each, as directed by the NYS 2019-2020 budget.

By Councilor Moore; Seconded by Councilor Ensel

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action:

8. TRAVEL REQUEST:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves MLD Travel Requests for 2019:

1. Bill Treacy to attend Complying with Fire Protection Program in Albany, NY on Sept 26, 2019. Training required to renew Manager Bill Treacy NY State Engineering License. Training and travel at no cost to the City.

2. Bill Treacy to attend Certified Energy Manager Training Program in Las Vegas, Nevada from December 9-13, 2019. Training required to renew my NY State Engineering License. Training and travel at no cost to the City.

Motion to waive reading and move Resolution

By Councilor McFarlin; Seconded by Councilor Ensel

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore

(All voted in the affirmative to waive reading and move Resolution)

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION: None

10. NEW BUSINESS AND COUNCILOR REPORTS:

Councilor Ensel indicated a constituent called him upset that there were “No Fishing” signs near Peace Point and City Marina on Dock Street in areas he has always fished.

Mayor Read indicated he would review with involved Departments.

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY TOPIC:

Mike Carpenter asked what happens with the Alliance for Positive Health request.

Mayor Read indicated it did not receive a second on the motion and Mayor’s Assistant mentioned that it would remain on the agenda next week.*

*[*after the meeting Corporation Counsel Dean Schneller indicated because the resolution did not get seconded it is removed from agenda but can be added on in future]*

Councilor Moore mentioned he hadn’t seen any announcement where Battle of Plattsburgh Commemoration buttons are being sold?

Community Engagement Coordinator Scott Matthews indicated he would send him the information and make sure it is on the website, etc.

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Ensel; Seconded by Councilor McFarlin

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore

(All voted in the affirmative)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:52 pm